Hill allowance

* 14 *Q.*—Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Gudalur taluk in Nilgiris district has been included in the list of hill stations; and

(*b*) whether teachers in Local Board and aided institutions in that taluk have been given hill allowance?

The Hon. Sr. M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) and (*b*) Yes, Sir.

3-10 p.m. Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : May I know the exact date from which this hill allowance is paid to them?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That is from 30th July 1960 and that is for aided elementary school teachers, and concessions to local body employees including teachers were given effect to from the 1st April 1960.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, was there any gap when they were not paid this allowance while the Government servants in the locality were paid the allowance?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, orders were issued regarding the aided elementary schools from 30th July 1960. Regarding others, orders were issued from 1st April 1960. This is the information I have.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : May I know the amount of allowance that is being given?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That is the usual hill allowance, Sir.

* 15 *Q.*—Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the teachers in middle schools and high schools under Valparai Panchayat are given any hill allowances; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) and (*b*) The matter is under consideration.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, is it a fact that the elementary school teachers in the same panchayat are paid fifty per cent extra on their salary, while the teachers in the middle schools and high schools in the same panchayat are denied this?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes, Sir. The elementary school teachers are already getting this allowance. The high school teachers are not given this allowance. A proposal to extend this concession to the high school teachers is under the consideration of the Government.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, is it a fact that the panchayat has passed a resolution expressing its willingness and also the availability of funds to grant this allowance?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, the panchayat has nothing to do with the high school teachers.

Working hours of courts

*16 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the hours of work fixed for Courts in the City of Madras;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware that some of the Judicial Officers do not come at the appointed time; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The working hours of the Courts continue to be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

(*b*) No, Sir.

(*c*) Does not arise.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Sir, is it a fact that some of the judicial officers in the City of Madras are not attending to court work at the appointed time resulting in hardship to the Advocates and others. Has any reprecentation in this matter been received by the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That is not so, Sir. But on receipt of this question, the Government made a reference to the High Court, and the information that we have got from the High Court is that there is no such thing.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : On what information did the High Court give its answer? Because, anybody inspecting the court at any time will find whether the judicial officers are actually in court. Was it only a report submitted by the individuals concerned?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have no information about the basis on which the High Court collects information and furnishes it to Government.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ASSOCIATION OF THE THREE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WITH THE COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have received the following resolution from the Hon. Speaker, Madras Legislative Assembly, as passed by the Assembly, on the 24th April 1962 :—

'That this House recommends to the Legislative Council that they do nominate three members from the Council to associate with the Committee on Subordinate Legislation of this House for the financial year 1962–63 and to communicate to this House the names of the Members so nominated '.